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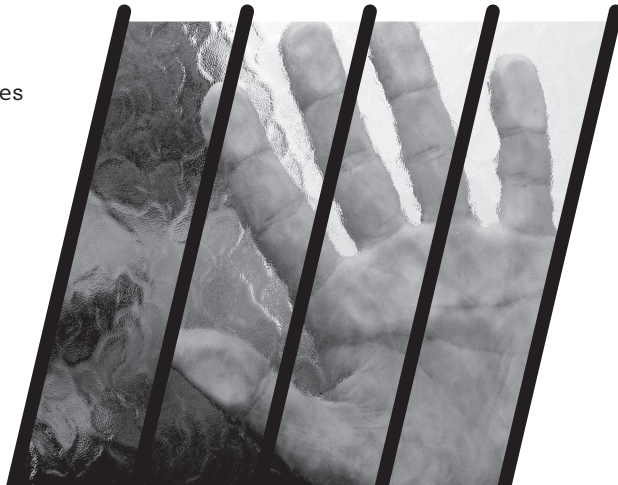
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# Cross or Shield?

One of the toughest jobs as an editor is matching abstract ideas with concrete images. This became clear as I sat in the editor-in-chief's office, debating how to illustrate this month's cover of *Salvationist*. The topic was public perception of the Army, and I was torn between using a Red Shield, a powerful symbol of our social mission, and the cross, an emblem of the deep faith that motivates us. "Why not both?" was the editor-in-chief's simple answer.

The Army is privileged to have a National Advisory Board comprised of business professionals who offer expert

**"Soul care and social care are not separate; they're two sides of the same coin"**

advice on everything from fundraising to strategic planning. This month, *Salvationist* features an interview with Andrew Grenville, chief research officer with Angus Reid Public Opinion. As a member of the Army's advisory board, he brings expert knowledge in areas of branding, social capital and religion. We asked, "What does the public think of the Church, and specifically of the Army?" His findings may surprise you.

There has been much lamentation in the wider Church about the loss of faith, and there's no hiding the fact that church attendance is in decline. However, the idea that Canada is anti-Christian is more fiction than fact. According to Grenville, a large majority of Canadians still believe in core Christian values and creeds. While many are suspicious of organized religion, we still live in a time when faith, in some fragmented form, is translating into identity.

What Grenville suggests is that the Army, with its broad social reach, is well-positioned to bridge the divide between those values and action. To do that,

we need to wrestle with another set of questions: How do we perceive ourselves? Are we a Christian church with an acute social conscience? Or are we a social service agency motivated by a deep faith in Jesus Christ? Can we be both?

If there is one thing that's distinctive about the Army, it's our twin emphasis on soul care and social care. They are not separate; they're two sides of the same coin. Some may be uneasy with the quest for public approval, funding and government support, and we must not forget that our ultimate authority is God, not man. But when the Church loses touch with the public and becomes a "holy huddle," we lose our relevance.

Cross or shield? It has to be both. Each is crucial to our identity. If we sacrifice one or the other we're like a rowboat with one oar, paddling in circles. Let's be proud of our bipartite mission, and all pull in the same direction.

GEOFF MOULTON  
*Assistant Editor-in-Chief*

*Editor's note: We also introduce two new columns this month. In Global Village, readers can catch a glimpse of the Army's internationalism as we interview overseas personnel, and in Chief Priorities, Colonel Floyd Tidd, chief secretary, addresses the challenges that lie ahead for the Army.*



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# The Covenantal Journey of Officership



Officers in the Que. Div gather for spiritual refreshment

THE QUEBEC DIVISION held a spiritual day in Montreal for all active and retired officers on March 25 with special guests Colonels Robert and Gwenyth Redhead. Using the theme *The Covenantal Journey of Officership*, they reminded the delegates that God is with us, always present and working with the people under our care. Colonel Gwenyth Redhead encouraged the officers to “use the present opportunity to the full” (Ephesians 5:16, *NEB*), testifying that God has used her in each appointment through the years. Colonel Robert

Redhead emphasized how important it is to approach one’s “appointment world” and one’s “private world” with integrity (see Ephesians 4:5), in other words “to colour your world rather than being coloured by it.”

As part of the day’s activities, five officers were recognized for their service to the Army in the Quebec Division (see page 27 for a picture of the occasion and an explanation of their accomplishments). Retiring officer, Major Gilles Gagné, testified that there were many joys, sorrows and

challenges throughout his ministry, but he always felt God was with him and he “would not hesitate to do it all over again.”

“The day was inspirational for our personnel,” noted Major Kester Trim, divisional commander. “The Redheads’ sensitive presentation of the spiritual lessons learned were appreciated by the officers and resonated with their own experience. I believe that the day encouraged our officers to see that Christ is at work in our ministry.”

## Youth Revolution at Berkshire Citadel

BERKSHIRE CITADEL COMMUNITY Church in Calgary has experienced a youth explosion over the past two years, going from 20 to 130 youth involved in its activities. Sixteen teens have committed their lives to Christ since October 2009. “I never in my wildest imaginings thought this would be possible,” says Major Stephen Sears, corps officer. Berkshire’s growth was assisted by Pais, an international organization that sends youth workers to partner with churches around the world.

With Vancouver being the only Pais location in Canada, Berkshire offered to be a pioneer church for the expansion of the organization in Calgary. Two years ago, the corps received its first two workers, who instituted a Tuesday night “academy” for local youth. One of these workers, Lotte Becker, is originally from Germany and is now the Pais greater Calgary director. Tuesday evenings focus on the question, “How can we make a difference in our com-

munity?” Events begin with dinner and fellowship, after which the group splits into different “tracks” based on skills such as cooking, singing and hockey. The youth later learn to apply these proficiencies to benefit people in different ways, such as by singing at retirement homes. About 70 teens attend these sessions and many go on to join Berkshire’s Friday night youth group and Sunday church service.

“It’s a perfect marriage between Pais and The Salvation Army,” says Major Sears. “Our goals are so closely aligned.” Other activities are developing in the wake of this youth revolution, such as a bi-monthly clothing sale and a community kitchen. The workers are inspired by the changes they see. Becker describes one girl who was completely silent when she first arrived, with her hood drawn up



Berkshire youth at a community outreach event

over her face, but who now joins in every week. “The coolest thing is seeing kids being transformed,” she says.



## Expanding Horizons in Surrey

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SURREY, the North Surrey Lions and Flag Chevrolet dealership helped purchase a 2010 Chevrolet Traverse for The Salvation Army at Surrey Community Church, B.C. This will enable the Army to better serve the communities of Surrey, Cloverdale, South Surrey and North Delta. "We have many different nationalities attending our church," says Major Russ Holland, corps officer, "people from Africa, India, Fiji, Sri Lanka, England, First Nations, Barbados and others. Our mission field is right here in Surrey!"

Community and family services assists 45 families a day with a drop-in bread and pizza program. They also provide emergency food hampers and clothing by appointment with a case worker. The Christmas toy and hamper drive increased more than 100 percent to almost 1,000 last year. "Our community care ministries reaches more than seven nursing homes each month, providing chapel services to the shut-ins. Teens are inviting their friends to youth group and Christ is making a difference in their lives," says Major Holland.

"God has brought many volunteers from the community, students from elementary and high schools, hockey teams and people from other churches," he continues. "They help run our ongoing programs, special events and activities. God is expanding our horizons in Surrey."

From left, Bob Harrop, North Surrey Lions Club; Roy Holman, Rotary Club of Surrey; Mjr Russ Holland, CO; and Bryan Heiberg, Flag Chevrolet dealership



## Appreciation Barbecue in Yellowknife

THE SALVATION ARMY set up in front of the post office in downtown Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories on May 5 for a thank-you barbecue. Craig Thomas, operations manager for the Army's three facilities in town, says they wanted to express gratitude to the community for being so generous with donations this year and to thank the students who volunteered at the Army and elsewhere around town for several months. The event also kicked off the Red Shield campaign.

"We set up for about an hour over lunch and gave away over 350 sausages and drinks," says Major Jo Sobool, corps and community/residential services officer. "In our donation kettle we received \$500, which is a great start to our annual Red Shield Appeal. We also gave away Army literature, including *Faith & Friends*, and information about our church schedule."

"We will host barbecues again in the warmer months," she continues. "It was an exciting time for everyone involved and brought a sense of community."

Army staff and volunteers serve the people of Yellowknife with a barbecue lunch



Photo: Kyle Thomas

## Putting a Cap on Anger



Participants proudly display their certificates following the Red Cap training day

THE ONTARIO GREAT LAKES Division's youth department hosted a Red Cap facilitator training day at Mountain Citadel, Hamilton, Ont., on April 30. Fifteen people learned more about how to utilize the Red

Cap program in their communities. Red Cap is an eight- to 10-week anger management course geared for elementary school children. Lessons centre on three steps: stopping, thinking and problem solving. The

goal of the program is to teach participants to deal positively with their anger. Several ministry units in the Ontario Great Lakes Division are currently offering Red Cap to their communities, in particular to local schools. Some programs are also operating at the corps as an after-school activity.

"School counsellors have been key," says Captain Karen Puddicombe, corps officer of Niagara Orchard Community Church, Niagara Falls, Ont. "A positive relationship with them has allowed us to reach many marginalized youth." Tricia Frewen, youth program co-ordinator at the St. Thomas office of London correctional and justice services, said that the children who participated had only positive things to say about the program. They enjoyed the activities and said they learned new ways to calmly resolve problems. In 2009, approximately 150 children participated in this program in the division.

# Booth University College Seeks Solutions to Food Security

THE SALVATION ARMY'S Booth University College in Winnipeg hosted a forum on food security entitled Food Banks in the City: The Imperatives of Justice and Mercy. Booth partnered with Winnipeg Harvest, a local food bank that distributes food to more than 48,000 people monthly across Manitoba, almost half of whom are children. "We are addressing questions about food security," said Booth University College President Donald Burke, "but we are also addressing questions that come down to the core of what kind of community we want Winnipeg, Manitoba and Canada to be in the coming years."

Participants grappled with ways to partner, network and lobby to effect long-term solutions to the problem while also meeting the immediate needs of hungry people. More than 70 people attended the forum, representing churches, food banks, political parties, businesses and high schools. Many community members said it was the first time they had participated in a focused conversation about food security. Booth University College intends to facilitate similar events in the future as it explores ways to create a more just society in Canada.



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From left, David Northcott of Winnipeg Harvest; Mjr Karen Hoeft, assistant executive director, Winnipeg Booth Centre; Dr. Paul Thomas, University of Manitoba; Dan Wiens, Mennonite Central Committee; Rita Chahal, Manitoba Chamber of Commerce

## Singing the Song of Justice

FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE attended the sixth annual mayor's breakfast in Richmond Hill, Ont., on May 11 at the Premier Ballroom and Convention Centre. The event is organized by a volunteer steering committee of business and church representatives, including Major David Pearo, corps officer at Richmond Hill Community Church. Prayers were offered for the leaders of various levels of political administration, as well as for the district health and school boards and the police and fire departments. Salvationist Cameron Rawlins sang inspiring contemporary renditions of *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, *I Surrender All* and *The Lord's Prayer*. In preparing for the occasion, students from several high schools in Richmond Hill produced short videos that dramatized social justice issues they encounter, such

as racism and bullying.

Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan, director of The Salvation Army International Justice Commission, IHQ, spoke on Singing the Song of Justice. She informed the delegates that she opens her office in Harlem, New York City, two nights a week to engage with people who "just want to drop in to talk," emphasizing that "we cannot solve justice problems in our offices; we need to meet hurting people on their level and hear their stories." She told the harrowing story of a woman who was brutally beaten, stripped naked and thrown onto a prison field during apartheid in Johannesburg, South Africa. She found a blue plastic bag to partially cover herself, retaining a bit of her dignity. When she refused to stop wearing it, authorities shot her. At the former prison, now



From left, Mayor Dave Barrow, Comr M. Christine MacMillan and Mjr David Pearo

a museum dedicated to human rights, is a large painting of a woman wearing blue plastic bags. She is depicted as if she's going to a great gala. The title of this work of art, *Put on the Whole Armour of God*, poignantly reminds us of "our need to wear the armour of righteousness, peace, truth and prayer as we strive to build a better world," said Commissioner MacMillan.



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# My Cuban Faith Revolution

BY DOUG MORTON

While on a mission trip to the Communist island, I helped restore a church while God renewed my faith

As I was throwing away a large box outside the Salvation Army compound in Baraguá, Cuba, a woman approached me and asked if she could have it. “Hey, it’s just a box,” I said. “Go ahead and take it.” The next day I saw her seven-year-old daughter skipping along the sidewalk in front of where we were working. She was pulling what I thought was a toy, but as she came closer, I saw that the “toy” was a piece of Styrofoam from the discarded box that she had tied to a string. She was so happy to have this thing to play with.

That was it for me. I found myself in my room reduced to tears. Despite 30 years of police service, my coping skills had become completely useless. I was overwhelmed by the pride and grace of the Cuban people. Despite possessing limited material resources, they seemed happier and more grounded than me. I’d travelled to Cuba to help, but was instead learning a valuable lesson in humility.

## Sign Me Up

For the past two years, I’ve been attending The Salvation Army Erin Mills Corps in Mississauga, Ont. Last October, I saw a poster at church about “Mission Cuba 2,” inviting volunteers to participate in a mission trip to Cuba.

After receiving further information, I applied and was accepted. Our mission team would rebuild a church and officers’ residence in Baraguá, Cuba. Another Salvation Army mission team from Canada would work concurrently in Havana, repainting the divisional headquarters and putting a new roof on another Army building.

Our team consisted of Paul Robertson and Rob Ward (both experienced carpenters and builders), Delicia Carvery, Nestor Cano, Lt-Colonel David Hiscock, Captain Brenda Murray and me. The Havana group consisted of Captain John Murray, Major Helen Hastie, Melissa Cory, Renata

Kolodziej, Efren Palma, Jeff Noel, Sharon Stoops, Neil Leduke, Jamie Rogers and Jordon Gravelle. Commissioners William W. and Marilyn D. Francis, territorial leaders, travelled to Havana to dedicate the Mission Cuba projects.

Prior to departure, I was cautioned that the trip would change my life forever. I was a bit skeptical about this because all I was going to do was help rebuild two small buildings. We’d hammer up some walls, throw on some siding and then head home. How hard was this going to be? Besides, throughout my policing career I had pretty much seen and experienced it all. I was trained to cope with difficult situations and get the work done.

Our team of seven was assigned to Baraguá, located close to the centre of Cuba—about a seven-hour bus ride from Havana. Baraguá is a small town of approximately 5,000 that gained prominence in the 1860s when the Americans built a sugar refinery there. Today, the refinery only operates at approximately 10 percent of its potential.

## Hands and Feet of Christ

When we arrived in Cuba on Friday, April 16, we stayed in Havana for the first night before travelling to Baraguá. That evening, Captain John Murray, divisional secretary for public relations and development, Ontario Central-East Division, took both teams to the Christ of Havana statue that overlooks the harbour and the older part of the city. Our first devotions were conducted there, but done quietly as we had been warned when we received our visas that we could not pray outside. Captain John Murray spoke about the importance of becoming the hands and feet of Christ in Cuba.

We started work on Monday, April 19. The old corps building in Baraguá that had stood for 113 years had been torn down and a 720-square-foot concrete pad was waiting for us. We had until the afternoon of Wednesday, April 21, to finish building a new church.

That first Monday morning, Captain Brenda Murray told us to look toward the sun. We experienced a “sunbow,” which is



Doug Morton takes time from his work in Cuba to interact with a local child





Members of the Mission Cuba team that served in Baraguá, Cuba, stand in front of the new Army building

a circular rainbow around the sun. In our case it was a double sunbow. I could not explain what this was, but I felt in my heart and soul that this was something more than special—this was a sign! Sunbows reportedly occur about once every two to three years. Our First Nations brothers and sisters believe the sunbow is a sign of protection and positive change from the Creator. In the case of our little project in Baraguá, that is exactly what it was.

### Stories of Grace

Our first week coincided with a school break in the community. We were the local attraction, so children were always around. Little Yoanki was continually present as he lived next door to the church. Although only seven, he has already undergone three brain surgeries, and was expected to survive none of them. He has another surgery scheduled this summer and the doctors have made the same prediction. At the age of two he was found abandoned on the streets of Baraguá by an 84-year-old woman. She took Yoanki home, adopted him and raises him as her son. It was touching to see the love between them.

For most residents, there are only two meals a day. Breakfast is a piece of

bread (depending on the bread ration), some milk and tea or coffee. Bananas and coconuts grow wild and are enjoyed daily. The next meal is supper and consists of rice and beans and occasionally a bit of chicken or pork. Many people keep chickens so that they have eggs to supplement their diet.

It was difficult to break for lunch with the children watching. Often Team Baraguá members ended up sharing their food with them. Yoanki really enjoyed chocolate pudding.

During a three-day stretch of extremely hot days, some kind soul brought us ice cream. I will never forget the experience of sharing mine with two young boys. They gently shared the spoon with each other, taking half a spoonful each until it was gone. I found out they had never tasted ice cream until that day.

My heart was being torn to pieces. These children never begged or asked for anything but when we shared with them, they displayed a God-given grace.


### Rebuilt, Renewed

Our second Sunday in Baraguá was a day that caused me to reflect and recommit myself to Christ. During the church service

I was astonished to see a special collection being taken. It was for the development of missions in Nicaragua. The Salvation Army has recently been allowed to re-establish itself in Nicaragua and Salvationists in Baraguá wanted to support this work, despite their limited finances. You could feel the Spirit moving through the congregation.

I knew that God was speaking to me and that I had to answer his call. I spoke in private with Captain Brenda Murray and asked for her assistance, as I felt I had to make a public declaration of faith. With her guidance and support, I led devotions on Tuesday, April 27. Later, surrounded by my team members, I was reborn and accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.

On Thursday, April 29, the new church and officers' residence were dedicated to the glory of God. The Salvationists in Baraguá were so grateful for the new corps building and it became the focus of the entire town.

While on this Mission Cuba trip, I experienced a true awakening. I'm grateful for having had this opportunity. Without a doubt, this has been the most rewarding experience of my life. 



# The Power of Questions

Honest searching can help us see God in a new light

BY COLONEL ELEANOR SHEPHERD



One of the most significant conversions to the Christian faith came about as a result of questioning. I was recently reading in Acts 9 how the Apostle Paul, formerly Saul, saw a blinding light and heard a voice. The voice asked him, “Why do you persecute me?”

Interestingly, Paul replied with his own question, “Who are you, Lord?”

During the next three days, as he suffered from blindness, Paul mulled over the situation. Why was he persecuting these followers of Jesus? What was he afraid of? What did he hope to accomplish by destroying them?

Coupled with this were his misgivings about Jesus. Was he really alive as his followers claimed? Was he truly God? If so, what chance did Paul have in fighting against him?

He wouldn't be given clear-cut answers, but he would receive what he needed: someone who would accept him as he was. Ananias, a follower of Christ, was instructed by God to “go to this man, because he is praying.”

Paul realized he did not have answers. He had to look beyond his own limited capacities, and his questions led him back to God. He brought his doubts to the One

with the answers. He went from fighting to praying.

Instead of giving pat answers, the Lord gave Paul the response he really needed. He sent someone to restore his sight and to lead him into a new relationship with God through Jesus. Paul would never see things the same way again.


Of course Ananias was apprehensive about approaching Paul, a man notorious for his persecution of Christians. But God helped Ananias see Paul not as the man he had been, but as the man he was becoming, a man who could bring Jesus to the Gentiles.

Paul must have shared with Ananias the questions that weighed so heavily on his mind. Despite all of his education and religious training, Paul could not figure out what God was doing. All he could do was bow before him and ask for mercy.

Ananias, filled with the Spirit of the Lord, placed his hands on Paul, and the Bible says the scales fell from Paul's eyes. From that day forward he saw everything in a new way and became instrumental in the development of the Early Church.

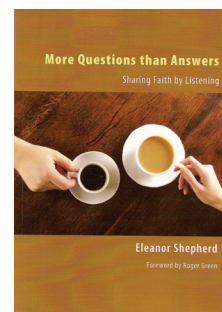
In his writings, Paul posed many new questions, and the radical change that had taken place in him also led others to examine their beliefs. As he began to share his new way of thinking, however, people were astonished and asked, “Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on the name of Jesus? Hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?”

I suspect their questions led them to think more deeply about what they believed, and about what had brought such a transformation in Paul. These questions fostered them on their own journeys to faith in Christ.

Paul's story is a reminder that questioning and honest searching can help us see God in a new light. Doubt is not the opposite of faith; fear is. So let's not be afraid to pose our questions—to God and to each other. We may find ourselves radically changed. 

Colonel Eleanor Shepherd lives in Montreal. Her new

book, *More Questions Than Answers: Sharing Faith by Listening*, is available from Salvation Army Christian Book and Supply Centres or online at [salvationarmy.ca/store](http://salvationarmy.ca/store).





Sherri Golisky outside the Roy McMurtry Youth Centre

As a Salvation Army youth justice chaplain, Sherri Golisky tries to peer . . .

# Behind the Mask

BY KEN RAMSTEAD, EDITOR, FAITH & FRIENDS AND FOI & VIE

As a Salvation Army chaplain working with marginalized and at-risk youth in the justice system,” says Sherri Golisky, “the most difficult challenge I face is getting behind the masks teenagers so often wear, to discover what’s going on in their hearts, minds and souls.

“When I do, I often find a real need for healing—and Christ has the power to heal. That’s the hope I carry with me every day when I go to work.”

## Called to Serve

Golisky wasn’t raised in The Salvation Army or any church at all, for that matter. As a teen musician in her high-school band, a few of her Salvation Army friends invited her to some corps events.

As it happened, Golisky’s mother had just died, and the 18-year-old had a conversion experience where the presence of God came to her in a very powerful fashion.

“I experienced a sense of great hope and strength in a time of loss, and that life-in-death paradox was brand new to me,” Golisky recalls. “I knew at that moment that Christ was true and from that point on, things changed for me forever.”

Golisky needed to find a church that matched up with her beliefs.

“The call to serve almost came naturally, as did the belief that I needed to share hope in the darker places,” she says, “and so The Salvation Army was a perfect match to that call.”

While completing a master of divinity at St. Michael’s College

in Toronto, Golisky interned at the Philip Aziz Centre, a home-hospice program in Toronto. “That was my first taste of chaplaincy, and I loved it!” She subsequently went on to chaplaincy training in various downtown Toronto hospitals.

Golisky naturally gravitated toward working with youth. As a member of The Salvation Army’s Corps 614 in Toronto’s Regent Park, where she continues to attend, she early realized that she enjoyed working with the young, and chaplaincy matched up with that passion.

“Working in the inner city made me realize how many kids get off to a rocky start,” says Golisky. “I want to help them see that Christ can be relevant in their lives.”

## Planting a Seed

As a part of The Salvation Army’s correctional and justice services, Golisky has a full schedule. Three days a week, she divides her time between The Salvation Army’s Cuthbert House in Brampton, Ont., and The Salvation Army’s MacMillan Centre in Milton, Ont., two open-custody facilities for young men. There she facilitates Bible discussion groups and chapel services.

Two days a week, Golisky represents The Salvation Army at the Roy McMurtry Youth Centre in Brampton, a secure-custody facility run by the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services, that houses both male and female offenders. There, she leads a program for young women and connects with youth on an individual basis.

The average age of the youth she ministers to is 16-17, but those in her care could be as young as 12 and as old as 20. The crimes range from murder to assault and petty theft.

One young man she met with wanted nothing to do with God or the Bible. Golisky simply sat and talked to him. Eventually, she was able to ask him why he was so hostile about the subject and he finally admitted that he had never actually learned about God’s love.

By the end of the conversation, the young man requested a Bible and in the days before his court appearance, he prayed with Golisky for the first time in his life. “He felt God with him,” she says.

Golisky never found out what happened to the young man. “But I hope I planted a seed,” she says.

## Breaking the Cycle

It’s through such informal encounters that Golisky has seen the important connection between the institutional work she does and community support.

“I share God’s Word and I do what I can while the youths are in the justice system,” she states, “but their communities need to embrace them upon their return. Often, we’re held back by fear of the masks that teenagers wear. We need to get past those fears and help give them a sense of worth and purpose, value and belonging. We all have a responsibility.”

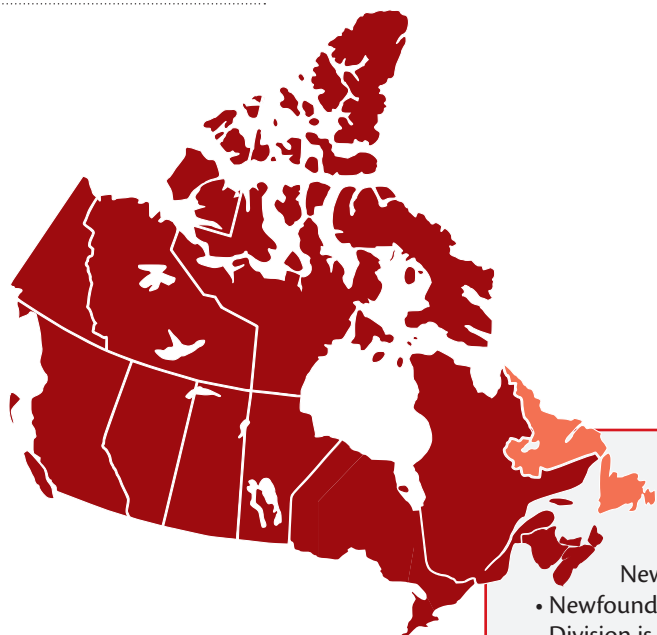
Golisky also likes to quote a saying: “Hurt people hurt people.”

“It’s a vicious cycle,” she explains. “Without Christ’s healing—true and lasting healing—old wounds will fester. If a person is hurt, they’ll end up hurting others. My goal is to help break the cycle.”

Golisky hopes one day to continue her studies in theology, but for the moment she feels privileged to be doing the work that God has called her to do.

“I see what I do as one small part of God’s bigger picture,” she concludes, “taking care of young people and inspiring hope.”





# Newfoundland and Labrador Division

From small outposts to bustling cities, The Salvation Army is changing lives on the Rock



Lt-Cols Alf and Ethel Richardson

## From the DC's Desk

The recent territorial administrative restructuring was a “back to the future” step for Newfoundland and Labrador. Once again, the entire expression of Salvation Army ministry in the province is under one divisional structure, with the headquarters located in St. John’s.

The provincial motto, “Seek first the Kingdom of God,” is evident in the large presence of evangelical Salvation Army ministry, with one corps for every 6,500 of population, one of the highest concentrations in the Army world.

The worship in our division is passionate and diversified; the music vibrant and captivating. One can move very quickly from corps with a large brass band and songsters to a fishing outpost with an accordion and a guitar. While attendance and musical genre may vary, the vibrancy and passion is common to all corps in our province. The zeal, spirit and commitment gives life to a unique brand of Salvationism.

## FAST FACTS:

- The Salvation Army has been in Newfoundland since 1886
- Newfoundland and Labrador Division is comprised of three areas: central, eastern and western, each with its own area commander
- There are 80 corps in the division. Twenty corps operate a community thrift store or family services
- Emergency disaster services has mobile care units in three locations throughout the division that respond to various emergencies and disasters across the province
- In 2009, community and family services assisted 11,972 people in need by providing clothing, food hampers and toys
- Two social services centres provided 20,613 meals and shelter for 6,731 clients
- Correctional and justice services assisted and supported people who have come in conflict with the law in four institutions, making contact with 1,493 people last year
- The Army provided Home with a Heart, a 12-week program for single moms, and Grow with Me, an early childhood development program that promotes parent-child interactions
- Nine Salvation Army chaplains offer support, guidance and counselling by visiting patients in hospital or nursing homes, and practical assistance
- The Salvation Army Glenbrook Lodge and Villa, a long-term care facility, provides accommodation and various services for 126 seniors
- The division has two beautiful camps offering many programs and activities for children and youth. Last year, they hosted 3,080 campers
- Last year, 9,417 people volunteered 59,203 hours of service

In many communities, The Salvation Army is the only representation of Christianity, while in others with a broader Christian reflection, the Army officer may be the only resident clergy in the community. The opportunities are bountiful and unique.

In keeping with our mission focus to “share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs and be a transforming influence in the communities of Newfoundland and Labrador,” the evangelical focus is played out in a number of social and community service ministries: the Wiseman Centre for men; Hope Community Centre; a comprehensive correctional services ministry; Glenbrook Lodge and Villa for the aged; a strong focus on chaplaincy; community and family services; and

growing emergency disaster services. Significant resources are also invested in young people through our two camps and the multi-faceted corps youth ministries.

While we continue to face challenges with financial sustainability, we are developing a new strategic direction for the amalgamated division that will ensure our continued relevance to ministry needs and our unique expression of Salvation Army worship.

It’s a privilege to serve here, to be caught up in the infectious Salvationism that continues to honour God and build his Kingdom. We solicit your prayers for the continued effective proclamation of the gospel under the distinctive flag of the Army.

—Lt-Colonel Alf Richardson  
Divisional Commander

### Going for Gold; Giving Their Silver

Although they serve a small community of 5,000, Deer Lake Corps is a busy church with caring and compassionate members. It's the small things that make a big difference. For example, through community care ministries, fruit baskets are given to new Salvationist families in town. Everyone who attends the corps has a caregiver who looks out for them. Men of Integrity, the men's ministry, hosts appreciation nights for the RCMP, ground search and rescue teams, and firefighters, and the corps co-ordinates the Golden Years Fellowship, the only church-based seniors program in town.

The compassion of people in Deer Lake extends far beyond their own community to all corners of the globe when they raise money for Partners in Mission. For years, supporting people in less developed

countries has been a priority for the corps. This year, they raised \$32,246, which far exceeded their goal and is the biggest amount they have ever raised.

"We're a giving, caring church, and when people see the Partners in Mission promotional videos, they know there's a need and want to do what they can to help," says Major Wayne Pike, corps officer.

This year, Deer Lake's fundraising theme was the Winter Olympics. The finance local officers of the corps divided all givers from last year into three teams, Canada, the United States and Russia, that worked together to raise money. Every Sunday, adults and children brought money to put into their assigned country's container, and the results of the previous week's giving were announced, with representatives receiving gold, silver and bronze on the podium.



Mrs. Wayne and Betty Ann Pike, COs, light the torch with Christopher Pinksen at the Olympics-themed fundraiser at Deer Lake



An emergency prayer team at Faith and Hope Corps is called upon to pray in all types of disasters, including highway accidents and fires

Self-denial giving went on for 13 weeks, as congregation members learned what it means to deny themselves and give sacrificially to others. The final Sunday focused on the theme Believe. It was an emotional service as the Olympics theme song was sung and the torch was carried out of the sanctuary. A celebratory luncheon with mooseburgers and toutons (Canada), goulash and beef, barley and bean soup (Russia) and apple pie (U.S.A.) followed the service.

In order to raise money, women's ministries held flea markets and bake sales, and Camp G.I.G.G.L.E. (God is Good, God Loves Everyone), the Tuesday night kids' program, filled up Tim Hortons coffee cups with money. The corps also held a Newfie Olympics, where two teams (the Jam Jams and Stuffed Squid) competed in fun activities, such as wood splitting, bologna eating, jigs dinner vegetable peel and a wheelbarrow race. People had fun while raising money for a noble cause, and others from the community became quite interested in all of the activity.

"People from the community appreciate seeing that The Salvation Army is not just sticking within our own walls, and our corps people were amazed and overwhelmed with the outcome," says Brian Snow, who organized the Partners in Mission campaign for the corps. "I just wonder what I can come up with for next year." Knowing Deer Lake's reputation for compassionate giving, there is no doubt that they will "go for the gold."

### A Place of Faith, Hope and Prayer

The Salvation Army Faith and Hope Corps serves on the Burin Peninsula, an area with a population of approximately 6,000. When The Salvation Army decided to amalgamate two corps in the region, they asked for submissions from Salvationists and the public for a new corps name. Out of 150 submissions, the most common themes were faith and hope, and thus a new corps was born.

"In our area, people have a lot of uncertainty about their work," explains Major Garry Ward, corps officer, "but they have faith to believe that the Lord will provide them with employment in this area where they have grown up. Our church is considered a spiritual base for that hope."

"People are beginning to see our church as reaching out more into the community," he continues. The corps has a community and family services program that provides meals for the hungry and clothing for those who have been through disasters, such as



house fires. Recently The Salvation Army discovered someone living in a car and so the corps helped him to find temporary housing until the government could assist further.

When two corps amalgamated to become Faith and Hope, the officers' quarters next to one of the church properties was converted into a thrift store, and the new location has brought more customers. The thrift store has one employee and a strong volunteer team. The corps also partners with other churches in the Burin Peninsula's ministerial for ecumenical services, vacation Bible school and summer open-air meetings. The ministerial also collaborates with the local radio station and mall merchant association to assist the corps in giving out food and toys to

300 families at Christmas.

Faith and Hope Corps has an emergency prayer team of 12 people that is called upon to pray in all types of emergencies, including highway accidents, fires and hospitalizations. The Salvation Army has advertised this prayer team to the public so that they can be contacted quickly for prayer.

From a new Pioneer Club for children, walking club for women and Young @ Heart seniors' ministry, the Faith and Hope Corps has something for everyone. "The strength of Faith and Hope Corps lies in its empowering leadership team and broad volunteer base," says Major Ward. "These are good-spirited people who are taking ownership of their corps and growing spiritually. It's a great place to be."



Workers sort clothing at the thrift store operated by the Faith and Hope Corps



Over 95 percent of the children in Point Leamington are registered with the Pioneer Club

### Where Everyone Knows Your Name

"I know practically every person in Point Leamington by name, and I've only been here four years," says Captain Richard Mouland, corps officer. The Salvation Army is the biggest church in the small outport town of 680 people, and very well respected.

There's only one school in Point Leamington, located right behind the corps building. The Salvation Army actively tries to engage the kids of the community, and over 95 percent of the children in Point Leamington are registered with the corps' new Pioneer Club. Leaders and helpers run four groups: Skippers (ages 2-3), Scooters (age 4 through kindergarten), Voyagers (Grades 1-2) and Pathfinders (Grades 3-4). The children work on badges for four weeks and then are invited to a celebration Sunday where the badges are presented at the corps.

Through the Pioneer Club, many families have started coming to the corps. The average attendance on a Sunday morning is 104, but there were 167 people at the last celebration Sunday. Parents and grandparents come to support their children and appreciate the welcoming congregation. A potluck lunch follows the service. "Our corps people are really impressed with the Pioneer Club and the life and growth it is bringing to our corps. They show a lot of support to our kids," explains Captain Mouland.

Community care ministries has been recently "resurrected" and there are 15 active members with 10 more waiting to be trained, including Florence. Last year both her husband and son were in the palliative care unit of the hospital. Captain Mouland went to visit them when they sought out spiritual care, and they both gave their lives to the Lord before they died. Florence saw that The Salvation Army was there for her family in their time of need and now she wants to give back by being there for others.

The community care ministries team visits seniors' homes every second Sunday to offer a church service. They also participate in cottage meetings, where they go to the homes of people who cannot easily get outside, to talk with them, sing, pray and have a cup of tea. "There is one man who lives about 500 feet from our church," explains Captain Mouland. "He is 94 years old and gets lonely sometimes. He misses coming out to church, and loves having people bring church to him."

In the past year, Point Leamington Corps has seen growth, with 13 new con-





In the summer, Trinity Bay South brings its evening services outside

verts, three new senior soldiers and four junior soldiers. Approximately 50 people attend mid-week Bible study. It is an active and vibrant corps at the heart of its community. “We love it here,” explains Captain Mouland. “The people are exceptionally friendly and everyone knows everyone. When people know you have a need, they are there. There is lots of love here.”

### Stepping Out in Faith

The Salvation Army is celebrating 117 years of ministry at Trinity Bay South, which represents five communities in the southeast section of the island. Four hundred and fifty families attend the corps, and the Holy Spirit is moving in a powerful way. Over 100 children attend Pioneer Club to learn skills and have fun, and the corps’ trained emergency disaster services team is a pioneering venture for Trinity Bay.

One of the most rewarding programs in the corps is the cell-group ministry. Trinity Bay South has seven Bible study cell groups, each with its own facilitator. With 97 people actively involved, the

hunger for God’s Word is evident. Captain Chris Pilgrim, corps officer, says, “As souls continue to come to faith in Christ, these groups grow and believers are nurtured and disciplined in the faith.”

Naomi’s Fellowship is a widow’s support group hosted by the corps. It started when two women, out for a walk, saw the Salvation Army sign outside of the corps building. They approached the officers to ask if the church could help them with their grief through a support group. Now 12-14 women attend bi-weekly. The group is led by Cora Smith, a soldier at the corps and a widow herself. At each meeting there is a devotional and prayer as well as coffee and lunch, with the main focus being on women relating, sharing and supporting one another.


“This is the first group of its kind in our area,” says Captain Claudette Pilgrim, corps officer, “so it is a venture of faith, but it is a marvellous thing to see the women uplifted in their spirits.”

In addition to women’s programs such as Naomi’s Fellowship, there is also an active men’s ministry. Last year, 13 people

discovered faith in Christ, four of them through the men’s ministry.

One man attended men’s ministries for several years, but rarely went to church on Sunday. At a men’s rally in April 2010, he gave his heart to Christ and is now attending Sunday services regularly and is an active member of a Bible study cell group. The men participate in outreach, visiting and conducting services with shut-ins in their homes or in seniors’ homes.

In the summer, Trinity Bay South brings its evening services outside to the parking lot and draws many people who have never entered a church door to worship Jesus. One woman was attracted to the music (strings, brass and worship music), the preaching and the warm welcome at the open-air meetings. Now she is serving the Lord and attending church and Bible study regularly with her husband.

“It is amazing what a difference it makes to step outside of our doors,” says Captain Chris Pilgrim. “Our corps is not only going strong, but getting stronger, and we give God all the praise and glory for that.” 



# In Good Company

Canadian Staff Band marks 41st anniversary with a visit from its founding bandmaster

BY MAJOR KEN SMITH



The Canadian Staff Band led by Bandmaster John Lam

The Canadian Staff Band has something to celebrate. Now in its fifth decade of service to the Canada and Bermuda Territory, the band marked its 41st anniversary by bringing back its founding bandmaster, Lt-Colonel Norman Bearcroft.

On Saturday, May 29, Salvationists and friends gathered at Scarborough Citadel, Toronto, where they enjoyed a concert of newly written music, including two world premiers, and timeless classics led by Lt-Colonel Bearcroft in his own inimitable way. In his opening remarks, the colonel recalled the circumstances under which the band was formed in 1969 and said that it was good to see it still going strong.

Led by Bandmaster John Lam, the CSB was in top form as it presented a wide repertoire, from the exhilarating *Festive Overture* by Shostakovich, arranged by William Gordon, to a new setting of Randall Thompson's popular choral work *Alleluia*,



Lt-Col Norman Bearcroft conducts the Canadian Staff Band


arranged by Major Len Ballantine. This was one of two premiers on the night, the other being a major work for euphonium and band by Colonel Robert Redhead—*Salvus*, written for and performed by Stephen Pavey.

Other CSB soloists featured on the program were Major Kevin Metcalf in *Down by the Riverside* (Jeff Christmas) and Craig

Lewis in *Incarnation* (Ralph Pearce), both works having been written specifically for the soloists and the band. In addition, vocal soloist Cameron Rawlins brought a change of pace with his lively rendition of *What a Friend*, arranged by Darren Bartlett.

Much of the second half of the program was devoted to the music of Lt-Colonel Norman Bearcroft, including the march *To Regions Fair*, the ever popular *Just Like John* and the timeless *Songs of Newfoundland*. In a moving moment, former CSB members joined the current band to sing Bearcroft's sensitive setting of Albert Orsborn's *I Know Thee Who Thou Art*.

During the intermission, many took advantage of the opportunity to purchase Lt-Colonel Bearcroft's new book, *In Good Company*, and to have it signed by the author. Afterwards, CSB alumni enjoyed an informal reception where they renewed acquaintances and shared old memories.

The anniversary festival marked the culmination of a busy season in which the CSB visited Army corps in Cobourg, Guelph, Hamilton-Meadowlands and Midland, Ont., in addition to participating in various seasonal activities in December and recording a new CD. The band also presented a concert as part of Hannaford Street Silver Band's annual Festival of Brass in April, and participated in the Great American Brass Band Festival in Danville, Kentucky, in June. In 2011, it will be visiting London, England, on the weekend of June 3-5, as part of festivities marking the 120th anniversary of the International Staff Band. For more information on the CSB and its activities, visit [canadianstaffband.ca](http://canadianstaffband.ca). 

Major Ken Smith is the assistant territorial music secretary.



**Lt-Colonel Norman Bearcroft's new book, *In Good Company*, gives personal insights into many important moments in Salvation Army history, including the re-formation of the Canadian Staff Band and the founding of the International Staff Songsters. It is laced with the author's rich sense of humour and powers of storytelling that bring historical events to life.**

Available from Salvation Army Christian Book and Supply Centres or online at [salvationarmy.ca/store](http://salvationarmy.ca/store).

# How Do You Like Your Sundays?

Take time this summer to enjoy the good things of life

BY MAJOR FRED ASH

**H**ow do you like your Sundays? I like mine smothered in hot fudge, coated with peanuts and topped with a cherry.

What's that you say? I'm being sacrilegious?

Not so. Philippians 4:8 says: "... whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." And believe me, a hot fudge sundae, coated with peanuts and topped with a cherry, is a pure delight. It is a lovely thing to behold and to enjoy. And it does my heart good (even if my doctor disagrees) to think about such a thing.

Summers were given to us to enjoy. And vacation is a time of renewal. Jesus once told his disciples, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31). He recognized they were living such busy lives that if they did not stop for physical, spiritual and emotional renewal they would soon experience a breakdown.

So here is my practical suggestion for getting the most out of your summer: Enjoy all things that are excellent or praiseworthy. As Paul suggests in Philippians 4:8, we are to reflect on those things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely and admirable. I like this verse because it allows me to enjoy many things that are not labelled "religious."

Sometimes Christians are too religious. They won't watch a movie unless it was produced by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. They won't read a book unless it was written by Tony Campolo, Josh McDowell or Rick Warren. They won't go to an amusement park because it's not good stewardship, and they wouldn't think about buying cotton candy or a double-chocolate, triple-decker, sugar-cone ice cream topped with peanuts, whipped cream and a cherry because those things are "sinfully delicious."

But Philippians 4:8 says, "whatever is lovely ... think about those things." And believe me, a double-chocolate, triple-decker, sugar-cone ice cream topped with

peanuts, whipped cream and a cherry is a lovely thing.

Now I'm not saying overindulge in those things, but I am saying treat yourself to some of the good things of life now and then. And don't burden yourself with false guilt.

## Enjoy all things that are excellent or praiseworthy

Philippians 4:8 will not only help you to identify those things that will nourish you spiritually, it will also help you to identify those things that will weaken your faith and harm you spiritually.

Consider your choice of reading material this summer—the books and magazines that you will read in your leisure time. Books that are filled with excessive violence, coarse language and promote lust and promiscuity are not noble, pure, admirable or praiseworthy. On the other hand, books that promote healthy relationships or that shed light on some sociological or psychological problem (even if they are "secular" books) can be admirable and praiseworthy. Of course, inspiring stories of people of faith, if they are well written, are also admirable and praiseworthy.

The same holds

true for the movies we watch, the music we listen to, the radio station we tune in to or the television program we view. The test of whether or not a particular movie, song or program is one that we should watch or listen to is Philippians 4:8. If the media is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable or praiseworthy, then we can enjoy it without guilt or blame. If not, then we should stay away from it.

We should not come back from vacation feeling exhausted, guilty and in debt. We should return renewed physically, emotionally and spiritually. So along with that hot fudge sundae, have a generous dish of prayer. Take some time to taste the delights of God's Word. And share in healthy fellowship with other believers.

Jesus liked the good things of life. He enjoyed sharing meals with his disciples—in their homes, at the beach and on the green hills of Galilee. He enjoyed boating and fishing. He enjoyed long walks in the countryside. He enjoyed a campfire and fellowship with friends. (It's all in the Gospels.)

And I'm sure that given the opportunity, he would also enjoy eating a hot fudge sundae topped with peanuts and a cherry. ☺

*Major Fred Ash is the corps officer at Burlington Community Church, Ont.*





# Our Salvation Story

The revised *Handbook of Doctrine* is an essential resource for all Salvationists

REVIEW BY LT-COLONEL WAYNE PRITCHETT

Salvationists, along with other Christians in the Western world, are becoming increasingly aware that the world is changing rapidly and radically. Truth claims have to be carefully defended and, more frequently, even the possibility of determining absolute truth is rejected outright by postmodern skeptics. Anyone seeking to share the gospel needs a solid grasp of the central teachings of Scripture to respond to questions about the Christian faith.

First-century Christians living in the Roman Empire were like a little island surrounded by a sea of paganism. This made the relentless pursuit of the truth all the more important. Christianity, like Judaism, is a religion of the Book. It embraces and impacts the total person, and a true Christian experience arises out of an ever-growing faith response to doctrinal truth and the teachings of Scripture. Through the written Word, the Holy Spirit witnesses to the living Truth—the Lord Jesus Christ. Luke described that determined search for truth in the first Christians as they “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching (doctrine) and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread (meals together) and to prayer” (Acts 2:42). Today, Christians must practise the same devotion to truth in order to discern, demonstrate, declare and defend an authentic Christian faith.

The recent publication of the revised edition of *The Salvation Army Handbook of Doctrine* is a key achievement. It is a superb tool for introducing Salvationists to such foundational truths as the authority of Scripture, the creation of Heaven and earth, the Triune God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit), fallen humanity and the remedy for sin through Christ’s atoning work. It also examines the process of salvation in detail, including repentance, faith, justification, regeneration, assurance, ongoing transformation (sanctification) and resurrection from the dead.


The chapter entitled A Salvationist Understanding on the Church is one of the best in the book. Included as Appendix 5 is *The Salvation Army in the Body of*

Christ, also published separately in 2008 (see below), the most extensive statement ever made on our place in the Church. Discussion of the Army’s non-practice of sacraments enlarges our perspective on baptism by the Spirit and “the real presence” of Christ (Holy Communion) without the use of the traditional symbols of bread and wine.

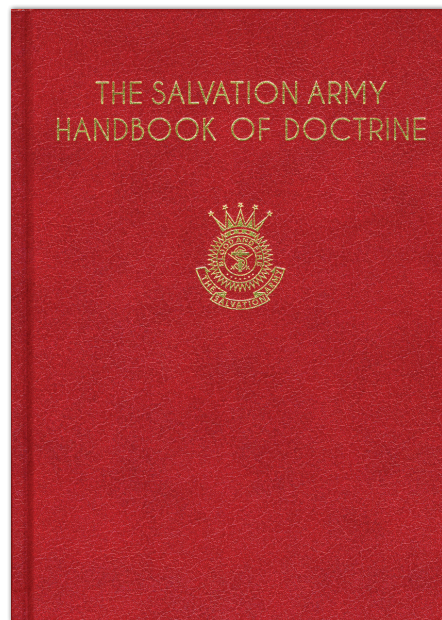
While changes to the wording of 1998’s *Salvation Story* are minor, new sections of the book add considerable scope. These include study notes, an official exegesis of the 11 doctrines and a section entitled For Further Exploration. This is The Salvation Army “doing theology” at its best—engaging in meaningful interaction with theologians and Christians, past and present, to articulate and apply theological truths for the 21st century. These explorations and the appendices are the greatest strength of the revised handbook.

If I could wish for three books to form the basis for instructing, informing and inspiring the “faith and practice” of all Salvationists, the revised *Handbook of Doctrine* would be number one. Number two would be *Cadets Bible Outline*, which I have now used for 40 years to guide me in understanding the overarching story of Scripture. The third would be *The Salvation Army Song Book*, which helps

us to study and apply Scripture and theology in a worshipful and easily memorized fashion. The eventual publication of a new song book will enrich our access to this great treasury of inspired poetry. In the Wesleyan tradition, we embody our theology in our songs and gain much instruction and inspiration from singing our faith.

The *Handbook of Doctrine* provides a foundational guide for the spiritual formation of Salvationists. If we use it wisely, we will be healthier as a church, holier as Salvationists, and more helpful in declaring and discussing our faith with others. 

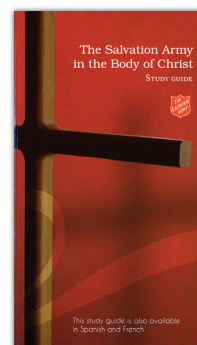
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## **The Salvation Army in the Body of Christ: An Ecclesiological Statement**

Issued by International Headquarters in 2008, this short booklet, published in English, French

and Spanish, helps Salvationists understand our place among the many church denominations, para-church bodies, church councils and other Christian groups that exist around the world.



## **The Salvation Army in the Body of Christ: Study Guide**

A companion to the ecclesiological statement, this newly released book is intended for personal and group spiritual develop-

ment. Available in English, French and Spanish, the guide offers discussion questions, prayer ideas and opportunities for personal sharing as it enables exploration of Salvation Army beliefs and covenant.

## The Heart of a Church

If the mercy seat is perceived as an unsafe place to go, it is an indictment of one's fellow Christians (*Making Faith Public*, June). God placed us in a family of believers. He did not tell us that the way of Christianity is a solitary one. If we do not speak of our struggles—in word, deed or behaviour—how will any of us know that the issues we face are common or how to overcome them?

Do we want to be members of a corps where everyone pretends that their lives are perfect and they don't need God or each other? What kind of testimony is that to the world? We are imperfect people and we are all struggling as God works within each of us. Truth is not something to be ashamed of. God's saving power at work in us needs to be celebrated, not hidden.

Karen Osborne

## Waving the Flag

When I was a divisional youth secretary, I took great care to walk alongside those who felt the genuine call to officership yet hesitated for one reason or another. Major Fred Ash's observation that the decline is a spiritual problem is exactly right (*Is the Flag Still Flying?*, June). My belief, however, is that the spiritual problem lies in the hearts of those who are already officers. All officers are meant to be recruiters; the task doesn't fall alone to the divisional or territorial officers appointed to recruit candidates. All officers ought to express honestly the joys and triumphs of Salvation Army officership, while giving equal time to the sorrows and difficulties of the same. An honest example is vital for young people to see if they are to aspire to a certain calling or occupation.

Sadly, too many officers are critical of the Army through which they serve—public criticism of systems and leadership often leads to a portrayal of officership that is unattractive to those wrestling with “the call.” I'm not advocating a rosy, too-good-to-be-true picture of officership, just an

honest one, wrought with humility and integrity, and biblically grounded. Such examples would do wonders for re-igniting the fires that are all but doused.

Captain Rob Reardon

I'm glad to know people are willing to ask the questions about why officer recruitment has dwindled. Aside from the spiritual questions, there are also some practical issues that need to be discussed, mostly to do with appointments and training. It's good to ask the spiritual questions, but if we only focus on spiritual matters, we might miss some significant practical hurdles that could be addressed.

Also, on the topic of the flag: while I appreciate how significant the flag is for so many Salvationists, it seems highly inappropriate to compare it to the broken body of Christ (writes Major Ash: “I felt a little like Joseph of Arimathea taking something sacred down from the tree to place in my own secret tomb”).

James Pedlar

I was commissioned last year (Witnesses for Christ Session) and I was in St. John's, N.L., in June, to see my comrades get commissioned and ordained as officers in The Salvation Army. My session had 16 people, the one before us had eight, and this year's session had 19—small in comparison to the “annual miracle” that was witnessed in past years. Yet I don't feel for one minute that we're making our last stand or that we're on the edge of disintegration. Our humble training college in Winnipeg is alive and vibrant. Cadets are coming out of training with an incredible amount of learning and experience, much more so than in days gone by.

Be assured of this. The officers of today will gain so much ground for God's Kingdom that it will make our predecessors blush with a holy envy. We do this not in our strength, but in his.

Lieutenant Robert Jeffery

This article brought a sense of nostalgia as I remembered my own commissioning 18 years ago at Massey Hall in Toronto with thousands looking on. A few years later I attended a friend's commissioning at a Toronto church only a fraction of the size of Massey Hall and it wasn't even full. I feel sad about this.

The reasons our numbers are dwindling are much more complex than just officers not being a good witness. Morale among officers waxes and wanes as the work of an officer and the sacrifices they

make often seem taxing. There is just not a big enough pool to fish in these days as people don't even want to commit to soldiery, let alone officership. Some think we need to change the culture of officership, the time and the way we serve and some feel officers need to be compensated differently (perhaps more in line with how employees are compensated). Others still endorse a return to the “old school” ways and getting “back to basics.”

Whatever the answer, we are not alone. Most churches today are facing the same issues. The culture of our society doesn't trust institutions and certainly Christianity in Canada is not as popular as it once was. We are going to have to adapt our ways if we want to remain relevant. That change must come is inevitable; what that change should encompass is debatable. But change we must.

I don't know the answer, and I don't think any of us do. One thing I do know is that our leaders need our prayers if they're to take us forward as an Army.

Major Kathie Chiu

## Speaking Out About Autism

Thank you for the article *Life with Joshua* (*Faith & Friends*, June) by then Cadet Kristen Gray. Like many other parents of children with autism, I could relate. I know how she felt in the department store when her son, Joshua, acted out and a passerby gave her a dirty look. I've even gotten those looks at my own church, though always from people who don't know us. As a mother you want to soothe your child when they get upset, but with an autistic child it is much more complicated.

I'm so glad Kristen followed her path to becoming a pastor. It's not an easy transition for people with autism, but with God's help and a loving mother, Joshua will be OK.

We need more awareness about autism and the effect it has on families, including an increased rate of divorce. Thankfully I have a faithful, strong husband who is supportive of our son. I have met many mothers of autistic children who feel abandoned because of limited counselling resources. The public, along with our pastors, needs more education on how to reach out to autistic people and their families.

Lynette Pelley







# Second-Class Scripture?

Neglecting the Old Testament cuts us off from the roots of our faith

BY DONALD E. BURKE

**M**y Bible includes the Old Testament. This may sound like a simple statement, perhaps even obvious. But when I see a *Salvation Army Song Book* printed with just a New Testament and the Psalms or people carrying just the New Testament, I have to resist the urge to stop them and exclaim, “That’s not the Bible!” Or when I hear far more Scripture readings and sermons based on the New Testament than on the Old Testament, once again I want to shout, “But what about the rest of the Bible?” Perhaps for many Christians it doesn’t really matter whether we include the Old Testament as part of our Scriptures or not. After all, parts of the Old Testament offend, confuse and embarrass us. Nevertheless, we need to attend to the witness of the Old Testament in order to hear the full voice of Scripture.

## Profound Tensions

From early in the history of the Church, Christians have had difficulty knowing what to do with the Old Testament. They have perceived profound tensions between the Old Testament and the New Testament. As read by many Christians, the Old Testament characterizes God as holy, just and wrathful, and the New Testament characterizes God as loving, forgiving and gracious. Attempts to bring these two characterizations together often run aground.

An example of this fundamental tension has been the simplistic and misleading contrast between “law” (Old Testament) and “grace” (New Testament). The old chorus, “I am not under law, but under grace,” reinforced the dichotomy between the testaments.

This caricature of the Old Testament as “law” and, therefore, superseded by the New Testament’s “grace,” is not new. In the second century, the problem of the Old Testament reached a crisis point when the theologian Marcion advocated abandoning the Old Testament as Christian Scripture. Although the views of Marcion were condemned as heresy, the place of the Old Testament in Christianity has remained problematic for many. A latent Marcionism has crept into our thinking, truncated the Christian canon and given the Old Testament second-class status.

## Definitive Guides

There are two observations that should give us pause when we dismiss the Old Testament in this way. First, in the time of Jesus and the Early Church, the books of the Old Testament were the *only* Scriptures available to our ancestors in the faith. There was no New Testament, although by the end of the first century the letters of Paul were in circulation and, together with the Gospels, later formed authoritative guides for the life of the Church.

However, in the Early Church, the emerging New Testament did not replace the Old Testament (except for Marcion and his followers). Rather, the two testaments stood side by side.

Second, as Salvationists, our first creedal statement reads, “We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the divine rule of Christian faith and practice.” Notice that this statement does not differentiate between the two testaments; both are affirmed as having been given by God’s inspiration and together they form the definitive guide for Christian faith and practice. Neither the Old Testament nor the New Testament on its own functions as Scripture in the full sense of that term.


“But,” you might ask, “why does it matter whether we read the Old Testament and make the effort to understand it?” I would offer four reasons.

**1. A Reliable Witness.** In the marvelous wisdom of God, the Scriptures of both the Old Testament and the New Testament provide a reliable witness to the long history of God’s love for and commitment to the world. When Jesus, in John 3:16, is quoted as saying, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,” the love of God for the world is not presented as something new. It is found at

the very beginning of the biblical story. In the act of creation itself, God expressed a deep devotion to the world. When God persisted in the divine care and provision after the disobedience in the Garden of Eden, we find evidence of God's concern for the world. When God invited Abraham to venture into an unknown future in faith, this call was founded in God's deep commitment to the world. Story after story in the Old Testament reflects God's persistent, suffering love. Without this broader perspective, we might assume that it was only with the coming of Jesus that God suddenly began to love the world. Nothing could be further from the truth. The incarnation, life, suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus are the culmination of an already long history of God's sin-bearing love for the world.

**2. Corporate Salvation.** When read in isolation from the Old Testament, the New Testament is often interpreted as being solely about individuals' salvation. The danger is that salvation can become a private affair, the result of a personal relationship with God without any refer-

and ultimately a depth of faith, that reading the New Testament alone does not. The Old Testament gives us the opportunity to dig more deeply into the roots of our faith so that we are able to stand firm in the long haul of our Christian walk. For example, the Psalms are a rich resource for faithfully finding our way through the triumphs and tragedies of life. The stories of Saul and David teach us about the ambiguities of power and the challenge of discerning God's will in the particularities of our world. The stories of Cain and Abel and Jacob and Esau speak to inevitable questions of jealousy and entitlement. The Book of Deuteronomy outlines what a community under God should look like. Ecclesiastes addresses the barrenness of a secularized, affluent lifestyle that is confronted by the reality of human mortality. The prophets Amos, Micah and Isaiah emphasize that the quality of community life depends on how we treat our most vulnerable members. I could go on, but the basic argument is that our neglect of the Old Testament deprives us of the rich resources that are available to strengthen and deepen our Christian faith.

But when we fail to provide good resources for its understanding, or fail to make the effort to include the Old Testament in our devotions, study, worship and preaching, we are taking the easy road that keeps us from finding the fullness of life that is our inheritance as Christians. That's why I am profoundly grateful that our ancestors in the faith kept the Old Testament as part of the Church's rich heritage and proclamation. 

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## Tips for Reading the Old Testament

There is no doubt that reading the Old Testament—or the New Testament for that matter—can be daunting. Here are some suggestions:

### 1. Choose your starting book carefully.

Begin with stories in Genesis or 1 and 2 Samuel. Alternatively, you could pray the Psalms as you read them. Another easy entry point is a book of the prophets, such as Amos. Stay away from Leviticus!

**2. Focus on one book at a time.** Choose one Old Testament book to read carefully and regularly for at least a couple of months. It's better to know one book well than to try to read too much, too quickly, and learn little.

**3. Read slowly.** Understanding the Bible does not mix well with speedreading. It may take a few days or weeks to read even one chapter and to have it sink in deeply.

**4. Find a good study guide.** Choose a solid biblical commentary to help you understand your Old Testament book. If you have difficulty identifying one, e-mail [dburke@boothcollege.ca](mailto:dburke@boothcollege.ca) for a recommendation.

**5. Be patient.** You won't learn everything about the Old Testament in a month or a year. But if you persist, you will find that God will speak to you and shape you through these important biblical books.

## Resources for Further Study

- Thomas W. Mann, *The Book of the Torah: The Narrative Integrity of the Pentateuch*
- Bruce C. Birch, *Hosea, Joel and Amos* (Westminster Bible Companion)
- Walter Brueggemann, *The Message of the Psalms: A Theological Commentary and Praying the Psalms: Engaging Scripture and the Life of the Spirit*
- Eugene H. Peterson, *First and Second Samuel* (Westminster Bible Companion)

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ence to others. We can become so focused on the salvation of individuals that we lose sight of the fact that not only is life lived in community with others, but salvation is found in community with others. When we read the Old Testament together with the New Testament, we learn that God worked through the life of Israel as a community. The work of God within the lives of individual Israelites built and shaped Israel as the people of God. The biblical drama in both testaments is focused on God's effort to forge a faithful human community. This is true even in the New Testament. After all, Paul did not travel from city to city converting individuals; he founded churches, that is, communities of believers. The Old Testament, properly read and understood, can help to deliver us from the trap of an individualized, isolated and self-absorbed perversion of the gospel.

**3. The Roots of Our Faith.** I am convinced that reading the Old Testament provides us with a depth of understanding,

**4. The Full Voice of Scripture.** By not listening intently to the witness of the Old Testament, we fail to hear what I call “the full voice of Scripture.” It's rather like listening to only the cornets in a brass band or the violins in an orchestra: you may hear the melody, but you lose the rich, fully developed sound of the entire band or orchestra. If we only read the New Testament, or even if we further truncate our Scriptures to include just the Gospels and one or two of Paul's letters, we may hear some of the “melody” of the biblical witness, but we deprive ourselves of the rich sound of the larger canon of Scripture that provides depth and texture to our experience. Why would we want to do this? Is it little wonder that the Bible holds such a lowly place in the lives of Christians? When we shorten the Bible, the result is a barrenness that extinguishes our thirst for the fullness of God's wisdom and guidance.

I don't mean to suggest that understanding the Old Testament is always easy.



# Army Magazines Win 10 Awards

Publications recognized by the Canadian Church Press

At the 2010 Canadian Church Press Awards, held in Toronto on May 15, Salvation Army magazines received 10 awards for excellence. *Salvationist* garnered six awards, and *Faith & Friends* four awards, a record showing for both magazines.

The Canadian Church Press includes representatives from over 75 member publications, including mainline, Catholic and evangelical churches. The awards were judged by a panel of accomplished journalists and academics.

The following are a list of the awards with descriptions and judges' comments. You can read many of the articles online at [Salvationist.ca](http://Salvationist.ca).

## Salvationist



### Department— Magazine First Place

**Talking it Over:  
Eight is Enough,  
Erasing Memories,  
Monkey Business**

Dr. James Read and Captain Amy Reardon debate provocative issues such as Nadia Suleman's octuplets, the implications of erasing bad memories and the impact of Charles Darwin's theories.

"The topics are daring and the responses compelling. The tenor of the dialogue is smart but accessible and straightforward. It is refreshing to see evidence of both rational reasoning and the recognition of doubt."

### Editorial—Magazine First Place

**A Christmas of Firsts**

Major Jim Champ, editor-in-chief, describes a touching Christmas delivery to a single mom and her children while serving as an officer in Saskatchewan.

"A great story about the healing of Christmas."



### Interview First Place

**Ministry of Presence**

John McAlister interviews hospital chaplains Major Barbara Champ, Captain Brenda Hammond and Major Roy Dueck about grief counselling, perinatal loss and cultural sensitivities.

"Wonderfully written on a very difficult and sensitive subject. Great range and selection of voices. Thoughtful interview and disturbing."

### Theological Reflection Second Place

**An Army of Salvation**

Lt-Colonel Richard Munn gives an overview of the Army's unique ecclesiology and identity.

"Clearly summarizes the distinctive origins, mission and ministry of The Salvation Army. A useful reminder for Salvationists and could serve the outsider as a valuable introduction to the Army and its theological basis."

### Biographical Profile Second Place

**Water Works**

*Faith & Friends* editor Ken Ramstead profiles *Salvationist* and swimmer Jaring Timmerman, who still competes at age 100.

"Ken is a very good writer who gives me a sense of Jaring Timmerman."



### Colour Photo Spread—Magazine Second Place

**Tanzania: A People  
of Promise**

Photographers Art and Sophie Nickel and designer Timothy Cheng bring the Army's work in Tanzania to life in this photo essay of one of our Partners in Mission territories.

"A great group of portraits that illustrates very well all the topics."

## Faith & Friends



### General Excellence— Specialized Magazine Second Place

Editor Ken Ramstead and designer Brandon Laird are acknowledged for excellence in three consecutive issues.

"Great use of contemporary images on the cover—lends a lot of currency. Energetic cover lines and playful, catchy design. *Faith & Friends* fulfils the mandate of 'providing spiritual resources for those who are new to the Christian faith.' Engaging selection of stories and lively packaging."

### Biographical Profile First Place

**Safe at Home and The Freedom of Forgiveness**

Jayne Thurber-Smith contributes companion articles about former addict and baseball star John Hamilton and his wife, Katie.

"No one touches her style. She is the best writer in the pack."

### Opinion Piece Second Place

**Tolle Tales**

Alex Newman offers a scathing indictment of author Eckhart Tolle's New Age philosophies.


"This piece starts with rich, beautifully laid out imagery and builds from there. The author is talking about nothing less than a new media cultural sensation."



### Original Artwork Third Place

**My Doubting Dad**

Artist Dennis Currie contributes a portrait of popular humourist Phil Callaway's father.

"Appealing style and compelling likeness of the subject. The suggestion of a spiritual presence through light is an effective yet subtle element." 

**August 1-7****Focus on Children and Family Ministries**

- 1 Pray for children's salvation and a solid faith foundation for their lives
- 2 Pray that young people will develop a genuine love for God
- 3 Pray for hearts to be submitted and responsive to the Holy Spirit
- 4 Pray that children will be like King David, children after God's own heart (see 1 Samuel 13:14)
- 5 Pray that parents will have godly wisdom and courage
- 6 Pray for parents to embrace their role in discipling their children
- 7 Pray that parents will partner with their corps in their children's faith education

**August 8-14****Focus on Church Planting and Congregational Revitalization**

- 8 Pray for spiritual discernment to identify where God is at work
- 9 Pray for faith to trust "him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (see Ephesians 3:20)
- 10 Pray for creativity to respond to ministry opportunities
- 11 Pray that God will give us courage

to try new things and a willingness to help others

- 12 Pray that the Holy Spirit will prompt conversations about the future of corps across the territory
- 13 Pray for James Watson, territorial consultant for church planting and congregational revitalization
- 14 Pray for the Army's advancement in sharing the love of Christ

**August 15-21****Focus on Personal, Family and Corps Needs**

- 15 Pray for God's blessing on your activities for the day
- 16 Pray for greater confidence in God's love and protection
- 17 Pray for God to fill you with more love for others
- 18 Pray that times of leisure with family and friends will be refreshing
- 19 Pray for the needs of your immediate, extended and corps families
- 20 Pray for the renewing of your mind by the power of God's Word
- 21 Pray for your officers, local leaders and others to grow in God's grace

**August 22-28****Focus on National Music and Gospel Arts Camp**

- 22 Pray for the delegates' safety as they travel
- 23 Pray for the students as they seek spiritual renewal and victory
- 24 Pray for guests Cols Glen and Eleanor Shepherd as they inspire young people to pursue Christ-likeness
- 25 Pray that Mjr Jamie Braund, Bible teacher, will speak a powerful message from the Word of God to the hearts of the young people
- 26 Pray that students and faculty will make themselves totally available to the Lord in tonight's worship service
- 27 Pray for the development of music makers whose ministry in song will speak to people's hearts
- 28 Pray that those who attend the final program will be strengthened and encouraged

**August 29-31****Focus on the Nations**

- 29 Pray for God's will to be done in national and world affairs
- 30 Pray for strength and courage for persecuted Christians
- 31 Pray for God to raise up teachers for children around the world

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# In the Public Eye

As a social researcher, Andrew Grenville offers critical insight about the public's perception of the Army

INTERVIEW BY JOHN McALISTER, *SENIOR EDITOR*



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*20-year research veteran, Grenville leads ARS in the development of innovative and informative analytics and approaches to research. He is the author of numerous research products and measurement scales with applications in a wide range of areas, including branding, social capital, health and religion. Global social and marketing research is also a focus of Grenville's work.*

## **What responsibilities come with being the chief research officer at Vision Critical?**

I'm a consultant for our researchers. I'm an ideas guy, so I come up with new products and help bring them to life. We have two parts to our company. One part does custom research surveys (known publicly as Angus Reid Public Opinion) and the other part of our business creates software to allow us to do this. We're one of the world leaders in researching public affairs. I'm part of the executive of Vision Critical, so I work on issues around the day-to-day management of the company. At the moment, I'm also head of operations on a temporary basis.

## **As a member of the National**

## **Advisory Board, what attracted you to volunteer your time and expertise to The Salvation Army?**

The things I admire about The Salvation Army are its sincerity and desire to help. When you add to this the efficiency and intelligence with which the Army executes its mandate, it's a very impressive organization. I appreciate the Army's passion, sincerity and depth of heart. And I like your slogan, "Heart to God, Hand to Man."

## **According to your research, how does society perceive people in the Church?**

The interesting thing is that, in Canada, people are remarkably accepting of Christianity. Seventy percent consider themselves Christians and over 60 per-

cent will agree with the statement, “I have forgiveness of my sins through the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ,” which is a pretty fundamental Christian creedal value.

People are quite accepting of Christians, but we’ve found they are not so accepting of Muslims, Jews, Hindus and Sikhs, in a way that contradicts how we think of ourselves as an accepting and tolerant nation. This is a very interesting paradox. We might think we’re all accepting of multiculturalism, but in fact, people are much more tentative than we’d expect.

The interesting twist on this is that Christians might think of themselves as being discriminated against or even persecuted, but Christians who don’t attend church regularly or even non-Christians don’t see this. There’s a sense of persecution that is self-imposed and, unfortunately, counter-productive.

### **Many Christians are reticent about sharing their faith for fear of coming across as too aggressive. How do we engage others without alienating them?**

The unfortunate thing about the way people broach issues of faith is that it varies between saying nothing and shouting in other people’s faces. The most effective way is open and honest discussion. There are no special tricks, it’s just about accepting and engaging the other person—being straight up without shouting, “I am right and you are wrong.” Christians think they need to hide their faith, but there’s no benefit in being cagey about your beliefs.

In Canada, Christianity and Christians are very well accepted. It’s a strange paradox that we don’t want to talk about it. If you’re on the subway during rush hour, there are 200 people on a car. One hundred people will pray sometime during the day and 130 of them say they have forgiveness of their sins through Christ, but everyone thinks they’re alone. People get weird when it comes to talking about Christianity, and yet so many people do believe in it. It’s an odd paradox and the Army is caught up in it.

### **Many people define themselves as spiritual rather than religious. What do you think they mean by that?**

I think it means they’re not interested in organized religion. What we’ve seen happen in Canada is that just after the Second World War, church attendance was about two out of three people. That plummeted to one in three by the 1980s,

the trend being a little later and steeper in Quebec. Canadians have moved away from organized religion in a powerful way. In the United States, just after the war, 40 percent were church attendees, but that number has stayed basically the same. The United Kingdom has gone into a total decline.

That is church attendance, but if you look at rates of prayer and belief in basic Christian creeds, those things are remarkably stable. So, we’ve seen a break between believing and belonging. Many people in Canada believe without belonging. Of course, many do still go to church. Almost three quarters go to a Christian church at some time in the year, but people are not so comfortable with organized religion. That follows a path in Canadian society where people have become disillusioned with all large organizations. People have also abandoned the Rotary Club, Kiwanis, bowling leagues and most other organized

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groups. As a result, people don’t really identify with the Church. Instead of the Church, they talk about their faith and spirituality.

Also, people of different faiths use the term spirituality—it’s very broad in its definition. It speaks to a common urge to have a relationship with a deity or a sense of something beyond the physical.

### **What factors have led people to move away from churches and other organizations?**

It’s part of a larger pattern. As a society, we have lost faith in larger groups, so our confidence in government, big business, unions, lawyers, doctors and ministers has declined. We’re distrustful of large organizations and the Church is part of that. I don’t know if that’s a permanent thing. For example, at the turn of the 20th century, church attendance was much lower. Church attendance and organizational belonging goes up and down. Right now

we’re not showing signs of pulling out of church, but society goes through ebbs and flows, and the Church is affected by the culture in which it lives. Where we find ourselves is not a surprise.

### **Have you found that Christians are quantifiably different in their approach to charity?**

Sure. We’ve done lots of research and so have others, and it all shows that committed Christians are much more likely to be volunteering, donating money and engaging in their society. This could be a chicken or egg question. Is social engagement a reason for or a result of going to church? Regardless, when it comes to donations, Christians are acting on their faith. It’s what you would expect, but it’s always good to see.

### **Compared to other Christian denominations, The Salvation Army possesses strong branding. How do we capitalize on this strength?**

By putting it front and centre. The Salvation Army is good at keeping the Red Shield there, and naming who they are. Direct, honest communication with identifiable branding is a real strength. It could go against you, if someone was against the Church, but in general it is a real strength.

The Salvation Army is smart about promoting the Red Shield, the uniform and the name of the church. A lot of organizations don’t do this, but The Salvation Army is right up there with Tim Hortons and Canadian Tire in terms of being up front and consistent at advertising the good they do.

If anything, the Army could shout out more about what it’s doing to help others in society, because I don’t think people understand the enormity of what you are doing.

### **Within The Salvation Army there is sometimes a tension between the church side and the social services side. Some people think it’s a threat to our church growth that the public associates us more with our social services.**

I can see that tension completely. It’s because The Salvation Army punches above its weight socially. As a church, it’s not that large, but its social impact is huge, so I can see how after a while as a church member you don’t want to be known as the Harbour Light or homeless shelter anymore. But I think the Army



should be incredibly proud of what it does in terms of fulfilling what Christ set out as the objectives of the Church: to care for others and look out for the sick and the poor. Compared to other evangelical churches, The Salvation Army does a stellar job. It's very focused. I can see how you could get tired of that, but it's a distinctive of who you are. If you step back and see what you are accomplishing, you'll feel proud. Don't get tired of being famous for what you do.

**With declining membership, should The Salvation Army be worried about the future? How do we adapt without compromising our identity?**

Yes, the future is always a concern. The Salvation Army arose with a style and mission at a particular point in time, but Christ didn't say, "You shall have this style." In fact, the Church has manifested itself in all sorts of ways.

Part of the Army's strength was its birth in a particular culture. But things have changed and the Army doesn't fit into the culture in the same way. And that's obviously an issue. If the church is not as attractive because it doesn't seem to be in the moment, then looking forward, that's a problem. I'm not suggesting that The Salvation Army should change its core or character, but the reality is that when you're not in step with the culture, the same forces that gave birth to the Army and made it attractive in society will cut against it and make it less attractive and less in tune with the times.

**In terms of social media, what trends are emerging and how will they impact charities and churches?**

Social media is another way of connecting, talking and exchanging information. I think people have overreacted to it because of its novelty. People and businesses have panicked, saying they need to do a viral video on their website and want people to become friends with their brand. The reality is that those who consume and absorb social media are also watching television, reading the newspaper and reading magazines. They're getting messages from all these other sources, so the main thing is being consistent in your message with people.

People are very mistrustful of social media. It has the least credibility of all the media. And if a medium is not credible, people are not likely to remember it. Despite the fact that social media has attracted so much attention, the reality is

that nothing has changed except another medium has emerged. It's new and novel, but has low credibility.

**As we share our message through various media, how do we avoid turning Jesus into a commodity or making faith commercial? Sometimes we're so anxious to get our message out that we over-market it or make it too cute, especially when trying to attract younger people.**

It's hard, because you want to make it attractive, and the Army feels the tension between the uniform, and all that represents socially, and the desire to be in the moment. I think what works in selling anything is a bold simplicity—just being what you are and playing to your true strengths. I think the Army does live out its motto of "Heart to God, Hand to Man."




I think the thing that's truly attractive about the Army is that it lives its faith. It's not hearing a rousing sermon and having warm thoughts about doing nice things. It's about actually doing good stuff.

Teens are interested in sincerity and what is real—not just putting on the show, but the depth of character that's there. The one thing the Army has is depth of character. If you try to make it cute and deny the Army-ness of it, you've become a little overeager, and you don't need to be. The Army has something real and valid. If you kick the tires, you sense real depth and that's not something that everybody can claim. There are a lot of organizations that are attractive but have no depth.

**Is plurality of religions in Canada leading toward a clash of cultures or increased dialogue and harmony?**

Based on the research we did on Canadians' attitudes toward other religions, there isn't the kind of tolerance I would have hoped for. It is also clear that the more likely you are to know someone who is a Muslim or a Sikh, the more likely you are to accept them and to appreciate their culture and beliefs. The more that Canadians talk to each other and are exposed to each other's cultures, the more we are likely to move toward harmony. When people talk to each other and get past the stereotypes and preconceptions, they find out that they have a lot in common and all want the same things.

In Canada, we strive towards civility. I did a piece for CBC's *The National* and they were asking if Canadians are nice. Canadians have a remarkable value of civility—we hold the door for each other, line up in queues and don't shove. These things are not common around the world. What makes Canada unique in the world is that when you look at Toronto and realize half the people were born in another country, somehow this culture of niceness is shared among all groups. This civility, politeness and consideration is a huge part of our society, so that when people arrive from all over the world, people are socialized quickly.

I'm hopeful that as we understand each other in Canadian society, we will learn to respect each other. I also hope we all come to realize that our Canadian values have roots in the same place as The Salvation Army, and that we should all work together to make a difference in Canadian society. 



## ENROLMENT AND RECOGNITION



MONTREAL—Five officers in the Que. Div receive recognition certificates at a spiritual day in Montreal: Cpt Linda Pouliot, 10 years of faithful service at the conclusion of officership; Cpts Mélisa Tardif and Rock Marcoux, five-year confirmation as officers; Mjrs Armande and Gilles Gagné, honorable retirement after 21 years of ministry. From left, Mjr Kester Trim, DC; Cpt Linda Pouliot; Cpts Mélisa Tardif and Rock Marcoux; Mjrs Armande and Gilles Gagné; Mjr Kathryn Trim, DDWM.

CONCEPTION BAY SOUTH, N.L.—Celebrating 102 years of faithful ministry, Conception Bay South hosted a weekend of anniversary celebrations led by Mjrs Woodrow and Maxine Boyde. Several corps music groups led a festival of praise on Saturday evening. Praise and thanksgiving permeated Sunday's meetings as 10 junior soldiers were enrolled in the morning service and three senior soldiers were welcomed during the evening service. Corps families were challenged to look optimistically to the days ahead and many knelt at the mercy seat in renewal and commitment to God for future service.



Mjr Wayne Green CO, enrolls senior soldiers Glen Walters, Minnie Cassell and Gerry Mercer



MONCTON, N.B.—Moncton Citadel Community Church enrolls four new junior soldiers. "It was an encouraging occasion for us and the corps," says Mjr Patrick March, then CO. "They are the first junior soldiers since 2005 and we want to praise God for this wonderful blessing."

CORNER BROOK, N.L.—Emerson Fifield becomes an adherent member of Corner Brook Citadel. Below: Three young people at Corner Brook Citadel commit to being junior soldiers. From left, Mjr Robert Kean, CO; Noah Hamilton; Madison Canning, junior soldier leader; Maccoy Ingram; Thomas Goulding; and Mjr Cassie Kean, CO.



Ten junior soldiers are enrolled. Standing with them are Claudette Hillier and Rosemarie Dobson, Mjrs Rosemary and Wayne Green, COs, and Gerald Mercer, colour sergeant



JACKSON'S POINT, ONT.—After completing discipleship classes, two soldiers and three adherents are enrolled during the Sunday service celebrating William Booth's birthday at Georgina Community Church. "God is good and our church just keeps on growing," says Cpt Geoff Groves, CO. From left, Sally Hill; Cpt Linda Groves, CO; Joyce Binnie; Cpt Geoff Groves; Sue Polhill; Pat and Norm Roberts; and CSM Harold Reid, who taught the discipleship course.



CALGARY—Seven young people affirm their faith by becoming junior soldiers at Berkshire Citadel Community Church. From left, Ethan Elliott; Janice Brooks, junior soldier leader; Madison Goulding; David Guerrero; Alejandra Guerrero; Katelyn Smalridge; Wayne Scheer; Emma Langrock and Kathryn Sears.





**POINT LEAMINGTON, N.L.**—New soldiers Jerry Stuckey, Florence Saunders and Frazer Feener proudly display their soldier's covenants. With them are Cpts Richard Moulard and Trudy Moulard, COs, and Cecil Jewer, colour sergeant. Right: Shirley Stuckey is pleased to be an adherent member of The Salvation Army.



**CORNER BROOK, N.L.**—Corner Brook Citadel and Corner Brook Temple combine their community care ministries resources to minister to five nursing and seniors' homes and the local hospital. "Our community care ministries are growing," says Mjr Cassie Kean, CO, Corner Brook Citadel. "We have enrolled new members and they enjoy sharing the Lord with the seniors." Front row, from left, Ruby Martin, Drady Parsons, Colleen Goulding and Denna Newman. Back row, from left, Mjrs Cassie and Robert Kean, COs, Corner Brook Citadel; Donna Harnum; Irene Taylor; Dion Newman; Joyce Wiseman; Mjrs Loretta and Calvin Fudge, COs, Corner Brook Temple.



**GUELPH, ONT.**—The members of women's ministries in Guelph made sleeping mats from plastic milk bags for the people of Haiti following the devastating earthquake early in 2010. From left, Lt-Col Margaret Hetherington, Sheila Barnes, Diane Jones, Margaret McMurray, Leona Short, Betty Craigen and Gertrude Schram.

**PEACE RIVER, ALTA.**—Rod Crumb celebrates 50 years of service as an Army soldier, including 40 years as corps sergeant major of Peace River Community Church. Crumb says a highlight of his life was three years in Panama City, Panama, where he used his carpentry skills to build a Salvation Army community hall. "My greatest satisfaction has been conducting worship services with the musical assistance of my wife, Irene, in the various seniors' and nursing homes in the Peace River region and visiting patients in the hospital," he says. From left, Irene and Rod Crumb and Mjr Neil Vermeulen, then CO.



## Salvation Army Officer Receives Honorary Degree



**ST. JOHN'S, N.L.**—Mjr (Dr.) Dawn Howse was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree on May 27 from Memorial University of Newfoundland for her service to medicine and to Africa. With training in tropical medicine at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, England, she went to Howard Hospital in northern Zimbabwe in 1988. In 1992, she moved to Tshelanyemba, in southern Zimbabwe, to serve at a hospital that had been upgraded to a nursing station. While serving the nearly 50,000 people in the region, she was the only medical doctor for the 105-bed hospital, supported by a staff of 25 nurses. In that role, Mjr Howse helped an average of 50 in-patients daily, and was consulted on management of 25 out-patients daily. The hospital served 350 new tuberculosis patients a year, as well as men and women diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. She was consulted by the region's midwives, carrying out monthly 40 ultrasounds and 20 surgical procedures. Mjr Howse dedicated her doctorate degree to the African "gogos," grandmothers raising orphaned children who have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS. She was particularly grateful for her parents, brothers and their spouses, as well as her church supporters who have "kept her going through the years." Mjr Howse recently returned home to Newfoundland after 20 years of exemplary service to Zimbabwe.

## CALENDAR

### Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis

Aug 11-24 territorial meetings, Lima, Peru; Aug 25-26 installation of divisional leaders, Prairie Div

### Colonels Floyd and Tracey Tidd

Aug 23-27 officers' camp, Pine Lake Camp, Alta. and Northern Ttys Div; Aug 28-31 installation of divisional leaders, Bermuda

## GAZETTE

### TERRITORIAL Appointments

Mjrs William/Susan Dunigan, Freeway Community Church, Hamilton, Ont. GL Div; Mjr Everett Barrow, secretary for candidates, THQ personnel;

Mjr Violet Barrow, chaplain, Toronto Grace Health Centre, THQ health services; Mjrs Wayne/Deborah Bungay, divisional commander and divisional director of women's ministries and area commander, Manitoba, Prairie Div; Cpts Denis/Nathalie Plante, assistant director and procurement officer, Montreal Booth Centre, Que. Div; Mjrs Patrick/Julie March, associate corps officers, Église communautaire de Québec, Quebec City, Quebec Div

### Births

Cpts Kristian/Lesley Simms, son, Micah Kristian, June 1

### Promoted to Glory

Cpt Gertrude Simms, from St. John's, N.L., May 16



## One World Going for Gold

BAY ROBERTS, N.L.—Bay Roberts launched its Partners in Mission campaign with leaders and children marching into the sanctuary to the 2010 Winter Olympics song *I Believe*. With the theme *We Are One World Going for Gold*, Rosalie Russell, Olympic torch bearer, was the special guest. “The line in the song that says, ‘I believe in a world brought together as one,’ inspired our congregation and committee,” says Cpt Morgan Hillier, CO. To help reach their target of \$12,000, fundraising included a supper and dessert auction, a flea market and a variety concert featuring the local school choir.



## Supporting Mission Projects



VICTORIA—Victoria Citadel stitchers donated hand-knit baby sweater sets, toques, afghans and handmade baby quilts for a silent auction at the women’s camp at Camp Sunrise. The event raised funds for Salvation Army mission projects in Tanzania (ox and plough) and Bolivia (solar cookers and reforestation). From left, Emmy Plesch; Betty-Rose Harrington; Monica Kwas; Mjr Lynn Grice, CO; Vi Denluck; and Nellie Thompson, stitchers’ leader.

## Accepted for Training

**Kelly Fifield**, *New Westminster, British Columbia Division*

Born into a Christian home with officer parents, I was involved in many Army programs throughout my childhood and teen years. A couple of years ago, a few friends encouraged me to consider officership and I sensed this was God’s plan for me. I am now excited about what awaits me.

**Cory Fifield**, *New Westminster Citadel, British Columbia Division*

God called me to officership at the age of 16 at youth councils in Newfoundland. I had a deep desire to love people where they were and to let them know that they were not alone. I never doubted the call, but the timing remained a mystery until I met my wife. After our marriage, I realized that the things that had been keeping me from pursuing officership had been taken care of. We agreed to proceed towards officership. I cannot wait to find out what is next in our life of ministry together.



## A Significant Milestone

VANCOUVER—The retired officers’ league of British Columbia recognized Mrs. Comr Lillian Fewster on her 100th birthday. Mrs. Comr Fewster entered training college as a member of the 1930-31 Endurers Session. She and her husband, Ernest, held various appointments, such as provincial leaders in Newfoundland and Labrador and territorial leaders in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and Scotland. From left, Mjr Shirley Pavey, Mjr Miriam Merritt, Mrs. Comr Lillian Fewster and Doreen Havercroft.



## TRIBUTE

SYDNEY, N.S.—**Clyde Nelson Head** was born in Sydney, N.S., and born again in 1981 at men’s camp. He was very active in the corps in Whitney Pier, N.S., which later became Sydney Community Church. Clyde was a highly respected and influential soldier and served as corps cadet counsellor, Sunday school teacher and community care ministries worker. He enjoyed men’s fellowship and faithfully attended Bible study. He is survived by wife, Yvonne; son, Kevin (Glenice); daughter, Linda (Dan); seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, six brothers and four sisters. Loved ones celebrate his memory and miss him dearly.



MOOSE JAW, SASK.—Born in Moose Jaw in 1914, **Phyllis Hill** married Roland Leslie Hill and they raised five children on the family farm. Phyllis endured hardships, losing a two-year-old son and later her husband after 23 years of marriage. Her strong faith in God enabled her to keep the land and provide for her family. She became an Army soldier after her marriage and was a member of the home league, community care ministries and the Fellowship of the Silver Star. Proud of the symbolism of the Army uniform, Phyllis freely gave of her time to help others. She is remembered with love and thanks by sister, Marjorie Merrilees; daughters Twiy, Benita (Earl), Renée and Rolene (Gene); 12 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren, extended family and many friends.



ST. JOHN’S, N.L.—**Marion Cooper (nee Noseworthy)** was born in St. John’s and became involved with The Salvation Army as a child, eventually becoming an officer and being appointed to Cottell’s Island, N.L. After moving to Kingwell, Placentia Bay, N.L., she discontinued officership service and married Cecil Cooper. In 1940, they settled in Corner Brook, N.L., where she taught Sunday school and was a home league leader, and where they both joined the Humber Singers, a seniors’ choir. Marion frequently helped people in need, especially the sick, preparing meals and baking cookies and cakes for them. After moving back to St. John’s, they attended St. John’s Citadel, participated in the young at heart fellowship, Bible studies and prayer groups. At age 95, she moved to the Army’s Glenbrook Lodge where she made a lot of friends and loved having her family attend their sing-alongs.



OTTAWA—Born in 1918, **Anita McDonald** was a soldier and community care ministries worker at Woodroffe Community Church in Ottawa for 35 years. She served on the Christmas kettles at the Carlingwood Mall for 31 years, earning the title “kettle lady.” For many years she sent the tapes of the church’s services to missionaries overseas. In 2007, the mayor of Ottawa presented her with the Civic Appreciation Award. She is lovingly remembered by children Anita Wilkins, Robert and Donald Schryburt, three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many friends.





# A World of Good

Serving in Zambia has brought unexpected challenges and blessings for Chris and Erin Hann

BY MELISSA WALTER, STAFF WRITER

When Chris and Erin Hann moved to Zambia from Guelph, Ont., to work for The Salvation Army, they weren't completely prepared for the experience. "We didn't expect to live without regular access to water or to share our accommodation with rats," says Erin. "Living in Zambia is not easy, but we are able to do it because God has called us."

After finishing university—Erin studied international development, Chris political science—they were eager to work in a role that would allow them to combine social outreach with the ministry of their church. The Hanns applied to serve a two-year term as project co-ordinators at Zambia's Territorial Headquarters and arrived in Lusaka in September 2009. They implement, co-ordinate and evaluate Salvation Army projects, such as drilling boreholes, instituting HIV/AIDS programs, building schools and distributing livestock.

Much of their role involves managing the bureaucracy necessary for projects to move forward. At times, the Hanns find the differences between Canada and Zambia challenging. "A one-hour drive often takes four hours, meetings are cancelled due to people gathering for week-long funerals, and delays are inevitable," explains Erin. "The hardest thing to accept is that achieving one meeting or objective in a day should be considered a success," adds Chris.

Protocol is extremely important, so all projects must be approved through the Salvation Army chain of command. At times, this can delay the implementation or approval of projects. Even as they face the challenge of explaining these delays to overseas donors, there is a constant need to access more funding.

The Hanns believe that much can be learned from Zambian culture, such as forgiveness and grace. "Zambians find it difficult to hold a grudge, which is why they put such a strong emphasis on greetings that refresh relationships every day," says Chris.

"Even if you want to ask a quick question," continues Erin, "it's important to first say hello, ask how the person is and inquire about their family and work. It's a reminder to care about people and not just about the task at hand."


Cultural differences also extend to The Salvation Army. "In Zambia, there is a strong emphasis on Army tradition and the uniform," says Erin. "We see people in uniform anywhere, any time." Worship services last up to four hours, and while the presence of brass bands is minimal, songster and timbrel brigades attract many participants. It's acceptable to talk openly about God in Zambia, and it's not uncommon to hear worship music playing in the grocery stores.

"The Salvation Army is present through-



Erin and Chris Hann

out Zambia, even in the most rural and remote places," says Erin. "Going where others do not want to go has always been important for The Salvation Army and it is in true practice here. God exists in the little things. I'll go to a borehole to collect a water sample and people will march me out singing, dancing and praising God for the blessings he brings."

Over the past year, the Hanns have learned not only about Zambia but about their own faith journeys. "God allows my heart to be broken to teach me to see and love people the way he sees and loves them," says Erin. "I would not always choose the circumstances we live in, but I trust and rely on the Lord for absolutely everything—strength, safety, provisions and discernment." 



Erin Hann on a project visit to the Kalusa community in Zambia



Chris Hann demonstrates the use of Lifestraws personal water filtration units



# The One Thing

Searching for authentic discipleship

BY COLONEL FLOYD TIDD

My friend looked up from his coffee. "It's about one thing," he said. "Am I really following Jesus? I know that I'm saved and serving others, but am I truly living the life he wants for me?" The conversation that followed was both challenging and encouraging as he outlined the practical implications of fully surrendering to the will of Christ.

This was just a reflection of the numerous discussions that have happened across the territory in recent years. At Symposium 2008, Salvationists articulated the need for The Salvation Army to be "intentional about discipling its soldiers and members." Delegates proposed that the Army should provide "resources and encourage mentoring," and that through discipleship, Salvationists and members "articulate their plan for spiritual growth and holiness."

Through the recent Territorial Young Adult Research Project commissioned by territorial headquarters, Salvationist youth expressed a desire for authentic discipleship that would "take place in the context of meaningful relationships. Young adults are looking to be in discipling relationships that are characterized by genuine care, interest and transparency. This includes being given opportunities to serve according to their gifts and passions."

Whether young or old, Salvationists want to engage in dialogue on important matters of faith. Their voices call out with a searching for authentic discipleship. They counter the warning of Dallas Willard in *The Divine Conspiracy* when he writes: "The most telling thing about the contemporary Christian is that he or she simply has no compelling sense that understanding of and conformity with the clear teachings of Christ is of any vital importance to his

or her life, and certainly not that it is in any way essential."

There is emerging awareness that as followers of Jesus and soldiers of Christ, we must wholly embrace this discipleship journey. The early Christian's declaration that "Jesus is Lord" was more than a verse in a song or a greeting ritual. The statement clearly identified that Jesus was not merely one god


disciple of Jesus ultimately requires us to make him the central influence in our lives. Our journey must focus on the person and work of Jesus. This means that we must take the Gospel accounts seriously and thoroughly examine his messages, commands and example. What did Jesus say? What did he do? How did he go about doing and saying these things? What does he expect from us today?

Authentic discipleship is not all about us. It comes down to the primary purpose and objective of the Great Commission (see Matthew 28:16-20). As my friend suggested, "It's about one thing." We are to make disciples and teach them to obey all the commands Jesus has given us. This includes sharing biblical truth with people to help them accept Christ as Saviour and to be his obedient and life-long followers. This commitment should result in an increasingly biblical lifestyle, as we abandon our previous lives shaped by the world's value system.

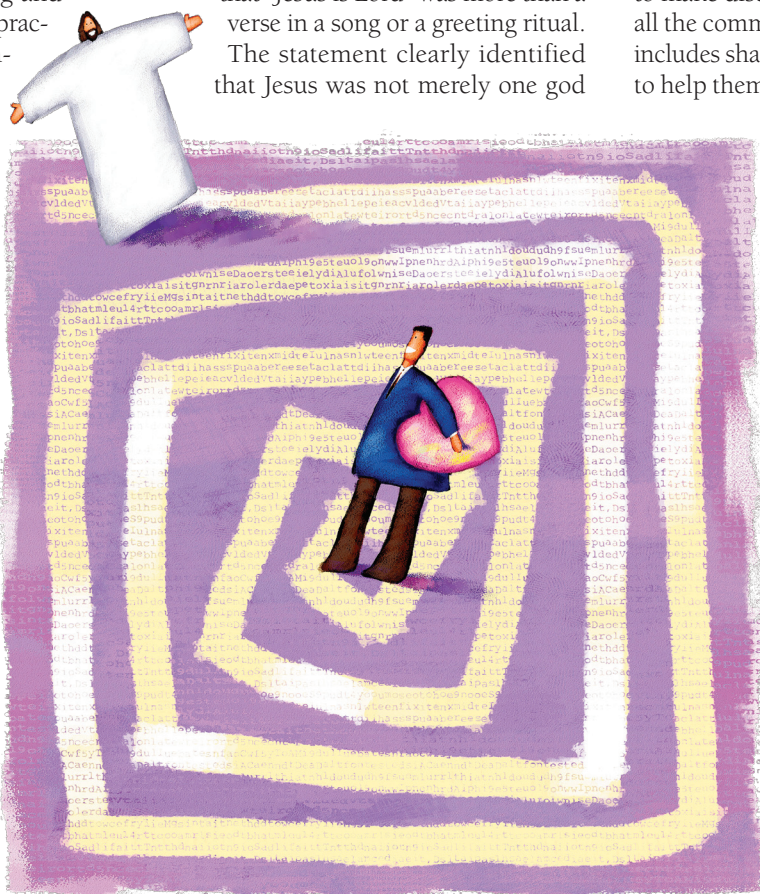
Authentic discipleship is the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer and involves mature Christians sharing the journey with others as they follow Christ. These disciples reflect the life and character of Christ in their everyday lives and provide an important example to Christians and non-believers.

Now is the time to rethink your commitment to Christ as Lord. Submit to the transforming and sanctifying work of the Spirit in your life. Count the cost of living under his lordship as he commands. Live as salt

and light and be a transforming influence in your community. Embrace the privilege of being "partners in the gospel" by sharing in deep journey, commitment and accountability. Explore the degree to which the life of Christ is reflected in the daily details of your life.

During these summer weeks, seize the opportunity to wrestle through the tough questions as you seek to be an authentic follower of Jesus. Look up from that cup of coffee. It's about one thing. Are you saved? Serving? And truly following Jesus? 

Colonel Floyd Tidd is the chief secretary of the Canada and Bermuda Territory.



among many, nor was he subordinate to the rule of Caesar. For the first followers of Christ, the declaration that "Jesus is Lord" affirmed their decision to identify Christ as their personal Lord, no matter the outcome. The task for authentic Christ followers—including each one of us today—is to strive to bring every aspect of our lives under his lordship.

As we work out this submission to God's will and direction in our lives, we may find value in accessing various discipleship programs and resources, as well as teachers and mentors. We need to remember, however, that being an authen-